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SUBJ: CROPS IN NORTH AND NORTHEAST CHINA

1. USLO OFFICER TRAVELING IN SHANTUNG SEPTEMBER 13-18
FOUND TOBACCO ALREADY HARVESTED, AND HARVEST OF CORN,
SORGHUM, COTTON, MILLET, HEMP, SESAME AND SOYBEANS
WELL UNDER WAY. (CROPS LISTED IN ROUGH ORDER OF AREA
PLANTED). RICE HARVEST SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN NEXT
TWO WEEKS, AND SWEET POTATOES SHORTLY AFTER.
GENERAL CONDITION OF CROPS SOUTH OF THE YELLOW RIVER
WAS GOOD, AND WE WERE TOLD THAT RAINFALL THIS
SUMMER IN TSINAN AND TSINGTAO AREAS HAD BEEN NORMAL.
PREPARATION OF FIELDS FOR PLANTING WINTER WHEAT HAS
ALREADY BEGUN, AND PLANTING WILL FOLLOW HARVEST BY
A FEW DAYS.

2. IN NORTHWESTERN SHANTUNG AND SOUTHEASTERN
HOPEI, ON OTHER HAND, SHOWED DAMAGE TO
SOYBEANS, COTTON, SORGHUM, MILLET AND TO A
LESSER EXTENT CORN AND SWEET POTATOES FROM
WEATHER EARLY IN SEASON. IN SOME PLACES THIS
HAD BEEN COMPLICATED BY HEAVY RAINS IN LATE
AUGUST, TOO LATE TO HELP THE CROP. RICE WAS
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RELATIVELY UNAFFECTED, BUT THIS RELATIVELY
SMALL AREA IS PLANTED ONLY IN AREAS WITH AN
ASSURED WATER SUPPLY. HARVEST IN THIS AREA IS
JUST BEGINNING, AND IS APPARENTLY A WEEK TO TEN
DAYS LATER THAN IN SHANTUNG.

3. IN THE PEKING AREA, CORN HARVEST HAS BEGUN,

AND CROPS LOOK GOOD, AS DOES SORGHUM. MORE SOYBEANS HAVE BEEN PLANTED THIS YEAR THAN IN 1976, INTERCROPPED WITH CORN OR SORGHUM, BUT SUBSTANTIALLY LESS COTTON THAN IN EITHER 1975 OR 1976. RICE LOOKS EXCELLENT AND HARVEST SHOULD BEGIN BEFORE OCTOBER 1.

4. USLO OFFICER TRAVELING IN NORTHEAST CHINA SEPTEMBER 11-19 SAW CORN BEING HARVESTED IN LIAONING, BUT NOT YET IN KIRIN OR HEILUNGKIANG. CROP LOOKED GENERALLY GOOD. SORGHUM HARVEST IN NORTHEAST HAS NOT YET BEGUN, NOR HAD HARVEST OF SMALLER AMOUNT OF MILLET. NO EXTENSIVE AREAS IN SOYBEANS, POTATOES, OR SUGAR BEETS WERE SEEN, BUT HAY WAS BEING HARVESTED AT THE TACHING OILFIELD.
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